(c) whether EOUs are selling finished goods into DTA illegally instead of exporting them; and

(d) if so, the action taken against such EOUs, with details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Jurisdictional Customs and Central Excise officers regularly visit Export Oriented Units for prescribed official duties including *inter-alia* for verification of duty free capital goods, raw material and other goods besides other functions. The details of such visits are as under:

Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
No. of visits	19301	23484	26602

(b) The quantum of duties evaded by EOUs during the last three years are as follows:

Year	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Amount of duty evaded Rs. (Crores)	167.51	128.86	257.61

Persuasive action is initiated to recover outstanding duties, fines and penalties, failing which, action is initiated as per provisions under section 142 of the Customs Act, 1962.

(c) and (d) There have been a few instances of clearance of finished goods to Domestic Tariff Area without following the due procedures. In such cases, appropriate action is initiated to recover the duties in addition to initiation of penal proceedings.

Decline in excise duty revenues

456. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central excise duty revenues declined by 15 per cent in November, 2008 to Rs. 8556 crore compared with Rs. 10065 crores recorded in November, 2007;

(b) whether there has been a decline in excise revenues when compared with collections of Rs. 9399 crores in October, 2008;

(c) whether according to industrial observers, October-November are usually good months for excise duty collections with demand for consumer goods being generally stronger in these festival season months;

(d) whether for the period April-November, 2008 excise duty revenues had declined by 1.5 per cent to Rs. 73878; and

(e) if so, the reasons there for and steps being taken to improve the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, sir, according to the provisional figures.

(b) Yes, sir. According to provisional figures.

(c) No, sir. Analysis of past data shows that on an average only 8.04% of the total revenue for the year is collected in the month of October and 8.15% of the total revenue for the year is collected in the month of November.

(d) Yes, sir, according to the provisional figures.

(e) Central Excise duty rates were reduced in the Budget 2008. The central excise duty rates on Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel Oil were also reduced subsequent to budget. These reductions along with some slowdown in specific sectors affected the revenue collection.

A number of administrative steps to improve date collection and analysis, audit and anti evasion measures and plugging loopholes in law and procedures have been taken to improve the revenue position.

Notices issued under FEMA

457. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have been issued notices under section 16(3) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, (FEMA) and other provisions of the Act, in the State of Goa;

(b) the reasons for issuing such notices;

(c) the number of cases of violations of the provisions of FEMA and Regulations made thereunder discovered in Goa;

(d) the number of foreigners involved, country-wise, in the last two years; and

(e) the details of the action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) Under section 16(3) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999, one company and its five Directors and 10 other individuals in the State of Goa have been issued notices for contravention of the provisions of section 6(3) of the FEMA, 1999, read with relevant RBI regulations.

(c) to (e) As far as Goa is concerned, notices have been issued for contravention of the provisions of FEMA, 1999, and regulations made thereunder in nine cases. The country-wise break up of the persons to whom these notices have been issued, is : British — 08, Italian — 01, Swiss — 01 and Russian — 03.

Formula for calculation of dearness allowance

458. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: